

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Attention: Committee Chairs and Committee Assistant

Fiscal Research Division
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Office Building ~ Suite 619
200 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Re: Financing for Town of Highlands Fiber Optic Network Construction

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 120-157.1 through 157.9 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, the Town of Highlands, North Carolina hereby notifies you of its intent to enter into debt via an installment purchase contract under North Carolina General Statutes 160A, Article 3, Section 20 with Branch Banking & Trust Company. The principal amount is \$4,600,000 and is to be used for a Fiber Optic Network Construction. The Town of Highlands Fiber Optic Network Construction will installing a trunk fiber providing a separate fiber for every electric meter in Highlands (estimated 2,800) and include the following: (1) approximately 263,973 linear feet of aerial fiber cable, (2) attaching to approximately 1,848 poles, (3) Installing 171 splice cases, and (4) Installing 747 (MST)'s Multi Service Terminals. This project will be included in the Town of Highlands' annual operating budget for all required years starting with Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

The Town of Highlands anticipates that the North Carolina Local Government Commission will consider approval of the issuance of the proposed debt at its meeting in March 2019.

Town of Highlands, North Carolina

Rebecca R. Shuler

Finance Director

Cc: Local Government Commission